



# CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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## **S. 862**

### **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Reauthorization Act of 2001**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 18, 2002*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 862 would authorize the appropriation of \$750 million for each of fiscal years 2002 through 2006 for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, which makes grants to state and local governments to cover the costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts (beginning with 2003), CBO estimates that implementing S. 862 would cost about \$2.7 billion over the 2003-2007 period. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state and local governments by extending the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and increasing its authorized funding.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Except for 2002, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in S. 862 will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending pattern for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program. We do not expect any additional supplemental appropriations to be provided for the remainder of fiscal year 2002. The estimated budgetary impact of S. 862 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	565	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	444	376	218	28	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	750	750	750	750	0
Estimated Outlays	0	165	450	713	750	585
Spending Under S. 862 for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	565	750	750	750	750	0
Estimated Outlays	444	541	668	741	750	585

a. The 2002 level is the amount appropriated for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program for that year.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 862 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would benefit state, local, and tribal governments. The bill would benefit state and local governments by extending the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program and increasing its authorized funding.

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